

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC REPORT HANDLING, SUCH AS  
FOR METRICS REPORTS CONCERNING ELECTRONIC AUCTIONS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for providing metrics reports concerning reverse electronic auctions provides several components. The system includes a gather component for receiving electronic auction information from one or more electronic auction computers and a database for storing the electronic auction information. The system may also include a submission component for receiving requests for metrics reports from a user on a user computer, as well as a metrics report component for creating a metrics report which may be at least partially based on parameters supplied by the user and the electronic information stored in the database. Metrics reports may be used to track the reverse electronic auctions in order to determine where additional improvements and/or efficiencies can be made. Some or all steps in the process are performed electronically, or with electronic forms (e.g., Web-based forms), to eliminate bottlenecks and streamline the metrics report generation process.